

# Regulatory Updates on Medical Devices in Japan

- Amendment of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act (PMD Act) -

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# Overview of Amendment of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act (PMD Act)

- Enacted in November, 2019  
Implemented in September, 2020
- Following provisions are introduced :
  1. SAKIGAKE designation system
  2. Priority review for specific uses, e.g. pediatric use
  3. Conditional early approval system
  4. Post-Approval Change Management Protocol (PACMP) for Medical Devices



# 1. SAKIGAKE Designation System

## 【Ordinal Review】



① Priority Consultation

## 【Review under SAKIGAKE Designation System】



③ Priority Review

④ Review Partner

⑤ Strengthening post-marketing safety measures (re-evaluation period)

NOTE: SAKIGAKE was originally introduced as a pilot program based on the administrative notification in 2015.

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# Criteria and Advantage of SAKIGAKE Designation

## ➤ Criteria

- innovativeness
- severity of disease
- prominent effectiveness or/and safety
- willingness and framework to first development in Japan

## ➤ Advantage

- Prioritized Consultation: waiting time; 2 months → 1 month
- Pre-application Consultation: de facto review before application
- Prioritized review: targeting total review time; 12 months → 6 months
- Review Partner: assignment of PMDA manager as concierge



# Approved Products under SAKIGAKE Designation

## ➤ Products designated as SAKIGAKE

- Medical devices: 12
- In Vitro Diagnostics (IVDs): 2

## ➤ Approved Products under SAKIGAKE system

| Category       | Product name                               | Company                         | Indication                  | Date of designation | Approval date |
|----------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Medical Device | TITANBRIDGE                                | Nobelpharma Co. Ltd.            | Adductor spasmodic dysphnia | Feb. 10, 2016       | Dec. 15, 2017 |
| Medical Device | Boron neutron capture therapy(BNCT) system | Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. | Head and neck cancer        | Feb. 28, 2017       | Mar. 11, 2020 |
| IVD            | OncoGuide NCC Oncopanel System             | Sysmex Corporation              | Solid tumors                | Feb. 28, 2017       | Dec. 25, 2018 |

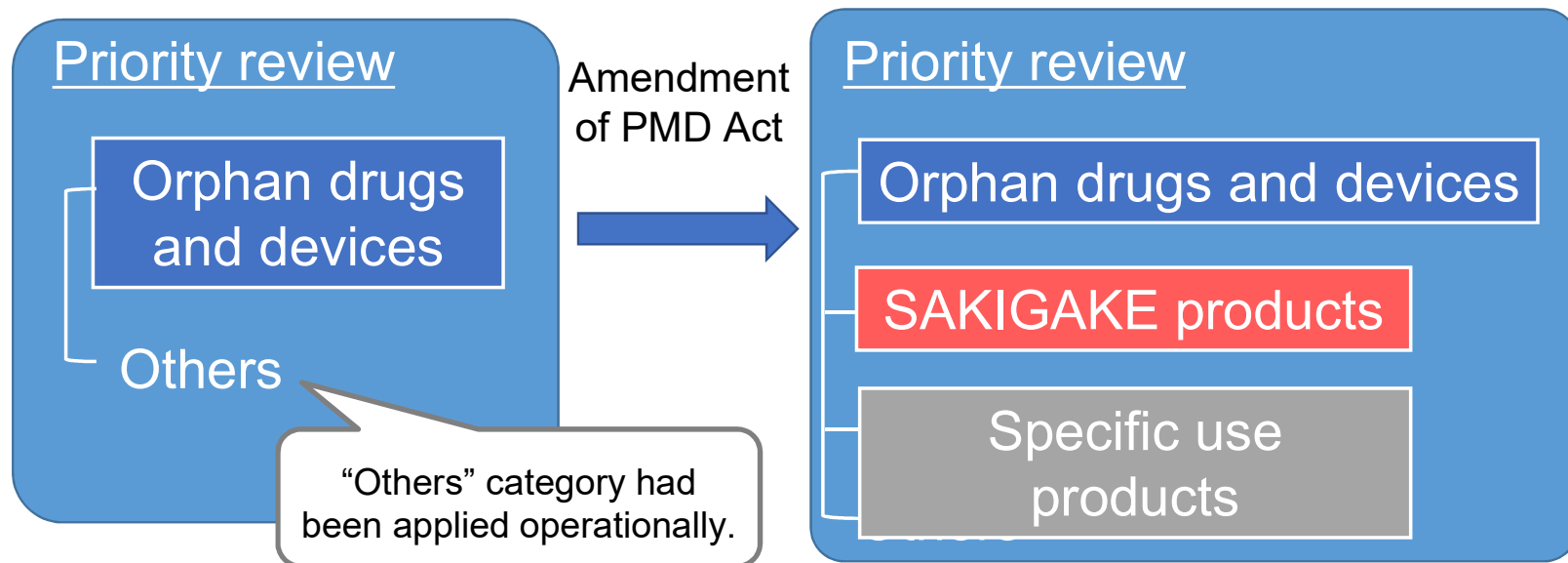
NOTE: These were approved as a pilot program based on the administrative notification in 2015.



## 2. Priority Review for Specific Uses

- Designation of “Specific use product” for highly unmet medical needs (e.g. pediatric use).
- Priority review and other supportive measures are applied to designated products for specific use.

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# Criteria for Specific Use Products Designation

## ➤ Criteria

- use for diagnosis, treatment or prevention of illness for children
- highly unmet medical needs
- excellent effectiveness and safety

## ➤ Advantage

- Prioritized Review: **targeting review time; 12 months → 9 months**
- Tax benefits and grants of subsidy for product development

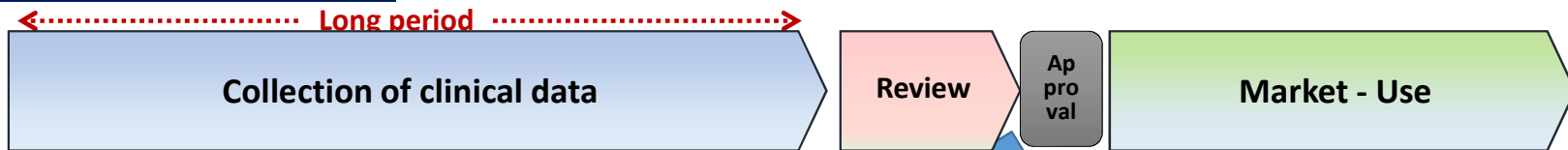


# 3. Conditional Early Approval System

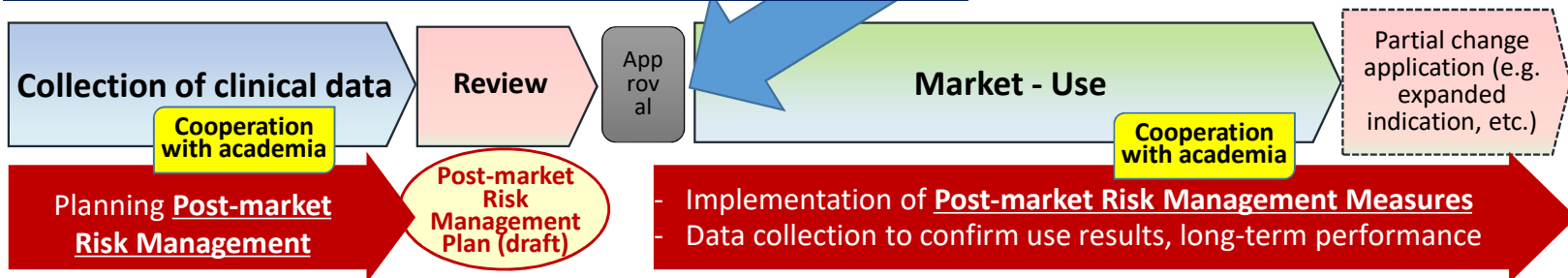
Accelerate approval of MDs of high medical needs by balancing the pre- and post-market requirements, based on the lifecycle management of the MDs.

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## Ordinary review



## Conditional Early Approval for Innovative MDs





# 4. Post-Approval Change Management Protocol (PACMP)

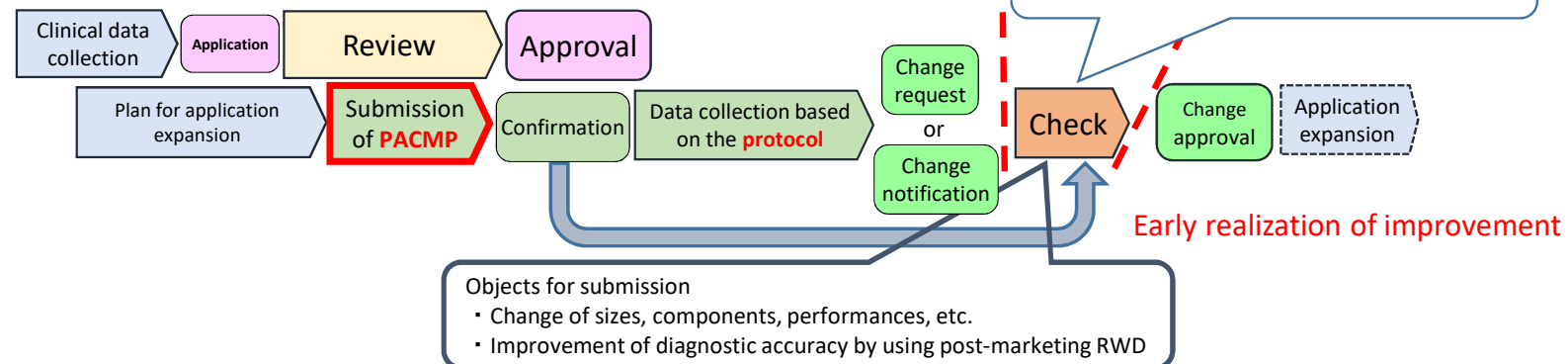
PACMP is introduced for medical devices to enable continuous improvements through product lifecycle.

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## Regular Approval Process



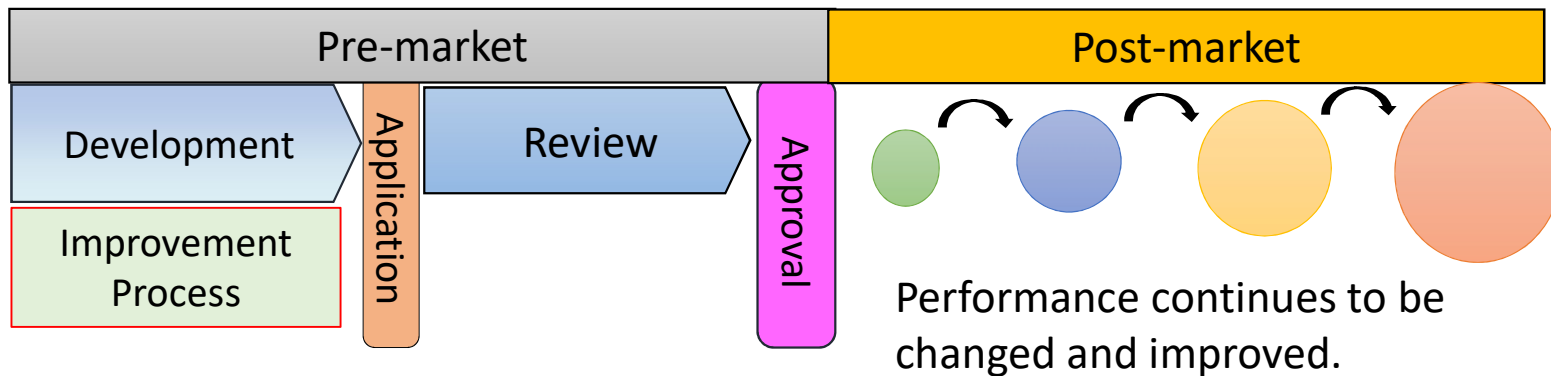
## Approval Process using PACMP



# PACMP for AI medical devices

Approval review process which enables continuous improvement of performance of SaMD using AI

- Changes of performance must be in one-direction (improvement) and be managed by MAH.
- MAH may develop a process which ensures such performance changes as “Improvement Process”, and submit in the approval review process.



**Thank you for your attention!**

